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REPORT

OF THE

Committee on Library

TO THE

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND.

Appointed by the Act of 1870, Chapter 272.

ANNAPOLIS:
S. S. Mills & L. F. Colton, State Printers.
1872.

REPORT.

ANNAPOLIS, Feb. 8, 1872.

To the Legislature of Maryland:

The undersigned, the Library Committee, appointed by the Act of 1870, chapter 272, having undertaken the duties confided to them by the Legislature, ask leave to make the following report:

Upon an examination of the Library, its condition was found to be so confused and disordered that it became necessary, to enable the committee to act with any sufficient certainty, to have a list made of all the books it contained. This was a labor of no little difficulty, but it was successfully accomplished by Mr. William L. Yerkes, whom they employed for that purpose. By a comparison of this list with a catalogue made many years since, large numbers of the books were found to be missing. Some works had entirely disappeared, while odd volumes, and those in many instances mutilated and defaced, of others only remained. Of the miscellaneous part of the Library, comparatively few books of any value had been left. The Law branch of the Library was also very defective, and greatly needed the addition of various reports and of important text books.

The Committee next proceeded to set apart such books as could be disposed of without the risk of impairing the usefulness of the Library, taking care in all cases to retain a sufficient number of copies of each volume. These were principally Journals and Documents of the respective Houses of the Legislature, Kilty's Report upon the British Statutes, Bozman's History of Maryland, and Laws of Maryland. After advertising for proposals in two of the daily papers published in Baltimore, the Committee disposed of these books at the best price that could be obtained for them.

The room has also been repainted and neatly carpeted. The old furniture has been repaired and added to as far as

necessary. All this has been done in a faithful and satisfactory manner, and at a very reasonable cost.

The Committee did not dispose of any of the Maryland Reports. Some of the volumes of the earlier Reports are so reduced in number, that the supply is scarcely adequate for the necessary use of the Court of Appeals, and for the general reference in the Library.

The Law Department has been improved by the addition of four hundred and seventy-three volumes. The greater part of these was supplied by Messrs. Stevens & Haynes, booksellers of high standing in London, who have filled the orders sent out to them in a manner in every respect to the satisfaction of the Committee. It was found that a great saving over the price charged for similar books in this country, was effected by purchasing in this way, especially as books imported for the use of a State Library are admitted *free of duty*.

The Committee have also purchased miscellaneous books to the number of five hundred volumes—having been careful to select generally the most approved editions, and such works as seemed to be of permanent value and general usefulness.

The Committee have not, as yet, had a catalogue prepared and printed. This it was deemed advisable to postpone, as, in the present condition of the Library, such a catalogue would reflect no credit upon the State. It would contain a meagre list of books, and show Maryland to be far behind her sister States in regard to the extent and quality of her State Library.

The Committee most respectfully, but urgently recommend a liberal appropriation for the further purchase of books The past, it is believed, is a guaranty that it will be faithfully and economically administered. Nearly all the books purchased have been obtained at the lowest wholesale prices, and the Committee will endeavor to apply this rule to any appropriation that may be hereafter made. To suggest an amount for such appropriation is not within the province of the Committee, but they cannot refrain from expressing the hope that it may be sufficient to enable the good work which has been just begun to be efficiently prosecuted, and render the Library in some measure worthy of the intelligence of the people of the State.

Schedules are subjoined, from which will appear the receipts and disbursements made by the Committee under the authority given them. It will be perceived that there is a balance of the appropriations still unexpended; but the greater part of this will be required to pay for books which the Commiteee have already ordered, or are about to order.

The Committeee have also established Rules for the government of the Library. These have been diligently and courteously carried out by the Librarian, and have had the effect of preserving the books from loss and injury, and maintaining order and decorum in the Library-room.

The Committee cannot conclude without expressing their obligations to the present Librarian, who has cheerfully and laboriously aided them in the discharge of their duties.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. BRENT,
J. SHAAFF STOCKETT,
A W. MACHEN,
Library Committee.

PROCEEDS

OF THE

Sales of Books, &c., by the Library Committee,

Under the Act of 1870, Chapter 272.

1870.			
Oct. 1.	By	net proceeds of Library carpet.....	$ 37 00
13.	"	Amount received from Jos. Neal & Co., for lot of books, weighing 2,950 lbs.	206 50
31	"	Received for three boxes.....	1 30
Nov. 9.	"	Amount received from Jos. Neal & Co., for lot of books.....	68 04
1871.			
Feb.	"	Amount received for two copies of Bozman's History.....	50
	"	Amount received for five copies of Kelty's British Statutes.....	63
March 3.	"	Amount of proceeds of sales sundry lots of books to Wheelwright, Mudge & Co.....	568 64
			$882 61

Disbursements by the Library Committee for and on Account of the State Library.

1870.			
June 15.	To	Cortlan & Co., for six Library steps...$	21 00
17.	"	Wm. L. Yerkes, in preparing catalogue	400 00
July 1.	"	A lounge.....	20 00
2.	"	Samuel W. Brooks, for various services rendered the Committee, as per statement.....	85 90
Sept. 12.	"	Amount paid for advertising for proposals for the purchase of books....	19 50
Oct. 11.	"	Amount paid Colton & Son, for printing circulars, &c.....	5 00

	18.	" Amount paid John H. Hopkins, for painting the State Library	370 00
	19.	" Amount paid James Sands for weighing books.....	1 50
	19.	" Amount paid for a copy of the American Bastile	3 50
Nov.	16.	" Amount paid Samuel W. Brooks, as per statement.....	39 50
	19.	" Amount paid McDowell, Robinson & Co., for a carpet, &c., for the Library.....	647 13
Dec.	1.	" Amount of freight, &c., on books from Stevens & Haynes, London....	80 47
	1.	" Amount of freight on globes for chandeliers.....	1 25
	15.	" Amount paid Stevens & Haynes, booksellers.....	1,415 81
	20.	" Amount paid Samuel Stewart, as per bill.....	12 00
1871.			
Jan.	3.	" Amount paid John M. Brewer, for three bound volumes of the National Intelligencer.....	40 00
Feb.	7.	" Amount of freight, &c.....	90
	7.	" Amount paid for tags.....	75
	8.	" Amount for subscription for the year 1871 to Little's Living Age, Appleton's Journal and the Galaxy...	14 20
	23.	" Amount paid Cushing & Bailey, for books.....	221 30
	23.	" Amount paid George Jacobi, for repairing furniture in the State Library.....	143 00
	23.	" Amount paid T. & J. W. Johnson & Co.....	30 00
	23.	" Amount paid Little, Brown & Co., for subscription to volumes 4 and 5 Am. Law Review.....	10 00
	23.	" Amount paid for British Quarterlies and Blackwood, for 1870.....	15 00
	24.	" Amount paid C. Y. Davidson, for chandelier, shades, &c.....	39 75
	24.	" Amount paid William Dadds for cartage of books.....	5 50
March	3.	" Amount paid John H. T. Magruder, for services rendered in the State Library	200 00
	4.	" Amount paid James Sands, for weigh-	

		ing books	6 57
	4.	" Amount paid for freight on bags by express	35
	28.	" Amount paid for British Reviews and Blackwood, for 1871	15 00
April	11.	" Amount of freight paid on books	18 00
	11.	" Amount paid Samuel W. Brooks, as per bill and receipt	12 75
	27.	" Amount of freight on books	1 00
May	9.	" Amount of freight on books	50
	13.	" Amount paid J. Murphy & Co., for binding books	110 20
	17.	" Amount paid for Zell's Encyclopœadia	32 00
	18.	" Amount of freight on books from Stevens & Haynes	5 31
June	17.	" Amount paid Custom House on box of books	2 05
	17.	" Amount paid Custom House broker	3 50
	22.	" Amount of freight on box of books	25
	23.	" Amount paid for a sterling draft on London for £51.19.4, in favor of Stevens & Haynes	288 09
July	12.	" Amount paid Cushing & Bailey, for books	1,306 66
	12.	" Amount of porterage on box of books	25
Sept.	13.	" Amount paid Kelly, Piet & Co., for books	452 00
	13.	" Amount paid T. & J. W. Johnson & Co., for subscription to the Law Reports for 1871	20 00
Nov.	20.	" Amount paid James Hopkins, for glazing	1 00
	20.	" Amount of express charge on Life of Crittenden	55
	28.	" Amount paid Little, Brown & Co., for subscription to vol. 6 Am. Law Review	5 10
	28.	" Amount paid for subscription to Galaxy for 1872	4 10
	25.	" Amount paid T. & J. W. Johnson & Co., for Law Reports, Binding, &c.	67 19
Dec.	14.	" Amount paid James Hopkins, as per voucher	25 00
	19.	" Amount paid Samuel Stewart, as per voucher	8 90
	19.	" Amount of freight on Blatchford's Reports	30

	26.	" Amount of subscription for Littell's Living Age and Appleton's Journal for 1872	10 10
1872.			
Jan.	8.	" Amount paid Cushing & Bailey, as per voucher	57 61
	29.	" Amount paid McDowell, Robinson & Co., for oil cloth	18 00
Feb.	8.	" Amount paid Stevens & Haynes, as per bill	61 88
			$6,377 17

LAW BOOKS

Purchased by the Library Committee for the State Library.

NAMES.	No. Vols.
Beavan's Reports, vols. 34, 35 36	3
Simon & Stewart, 2 vols	2
Simon's Rep. 17 vols	17
" N. S., 2 "	2
Hare, 11 "	11
Drewry, 4 "	4
Drewry & Small, 2 vols	2
De Gex, Fisher Jones, vol. 4	1
Barnwall & Cresswell, 10 vols	10
" Adolphus, 5 "	5
Adolphus & Ellis, 12 "	12
Brodeup & Bingham, 3 "	3
Bingham, 10 "	10
" New Cases, 6 "	6
Manning & Granger, 7 "	7
Robertson's Ecclest. Repts., 2 vols	2
Spink's, 2 vols	2
Deane, 1 vol	1
Law Journal from 1823 to 1869	112
The Jurist	55
Fisher's Digest	5
Kerr on Injunction	1
" " Fraud	1
Addison on Contracts	1
" " Torts	1
Bainbridge on Mines	1
Best on Evidence	1
Fisher's Law of Mortgage	2
Tudor's Mercantile Cases	1
The Law Reports and Digest	38
" " " for 1870	8

The Law Journal " 1870	3
Austin's Jurisprudence	2
Ayckbowen's Chan. Prac.	1
Browne's Limitations	1
Byles on Bills	1
Gale on Easements	1
Forsyth's Cases	1
Kerr on Receivers	1
Lewin on Trusts	1
Roscoe's Nisi Prius	1
Snyder on Vendors	1
Bullen & Leake's Pleading	1
Tomkins' Gains	1
Mackenzie's Roman Law	1
Stephens' Commentaries	4
Taylor's Evidence	2
Waterman on Set-off	1
Taney's Cir. Ct. Decisions	1
Life & Accident Ins. Rep.	1
Alden's Cond. Penn. Rep.	3
Stewart's Ala. Rep.	3
Brewster's Rep.	2
Penn. Reports, from '58 to '63, inclusive	6
Texas Reports, 28, 30	2
Georgia Reports, 1, 2, 3	3
Hoffman's Land Cases	1
Indiana Reports, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 11, 13, 14, 16, 17	10
Disney's Ohio Reports	2
Wright's " "	1
Ohio Reports, vol. 4	1
Florida Reports, vols. 5, 6	2
Arkansas Reports, vols. 21, 25	2
West Virginia Reports	2
Edmond's Select Cases	1
Kernan's Reports, vol. 4	1
Key's Reports	4
Hilton's Reports	2
Daly's Reports	1
Haywood's Reports, (Tenn.)	1
Cooke's Reports	1
Overton's Reports	1
Barbour's Ch. Rep.	2
Phila. Reports	4
D. Chipman's Reports	1
Black's Reports, vol. 1	1
Wallace's Reports, vols. 8, 9, 10, 11	4
Story's Eq. Jurisp.	2
Shearman & Redfield on Negligence	1

Sedgwick on Damages	1
Paschal's Const. U S	1
Robertson's Reports	7
Bosworth's "	10
Abbott's Practice Reports	9
Howard's " "	10
Code of Virginia	1
Taylor's Medical Jurisprudence	1
Wormley on Poisons	1
Flanders' Fire Insurance	1
Hinkley and Mayer on Attachments	1
Philips on Insurance	2
Bless on Fire Insurance	1
Parsons on Shipping and Admiralty	2
Abbott's Digest of Law of Corporations	1
Brightley's Digest	2
	471
English Com. Law Reports, vols. 111 & 112	2

MISCELLANEOUS WORKS

Purchased for the State Library by the Library Committee.

Names of Books.	No. Vols.
Derby's Homer	2
Fergerson's History of Architecture	3
Chaucer's Poems	8
White's Shakespeare	12
British Poets	128
Lippincott's Brog. Dict'y	2
Alibone's Dict'y of Authors	3
Grote's History of Greece	12
Bancroft's History, vols. 8 & 9	2
Menwale's Rome	7
" Conv. Roman Empire	1
Smith's Bible Dict'y	4
Hildreth's United States	6
Cooper's Novels	32
Biographia Jurideca	1
Anstophanes	1
Eunpedes	1
Waverly Novels	48
Scott's Tales of a Grandfather	6
Bartlett's Familiar Quotations	1
Dickens' Works	28
Thackeray's Works	22
Motley's Dutch Republic	3
Clark's Concordance of Shakespeare	1

Zell's Popular Encyclopedia	2
Alsop's Maryland	1
Swift's Works	6
Bulwer's Novels	42
Irving's Works and Life and Letters	28
Bryant's Poems	3
Wanen's Works	5
Bryant's Homer	2
Taylor's Faust	1
Poe's Works	4
Lamb's "	5
Bosnell's Life of Johnson	5
Life and Works of Louis Napoleon Bonaparte	2
Hood's Works	6
Robinson's Diary	2
Lodge's Portraits	8
Longfellow's Works	7
Titus Livius	4
Dante's Dinne Comedy	2
Demosthenes Orations	5
Levy's Rome	4
Works of Tacitus	2
Cicero's Orations	4
" Treatises	1
" Officers	1
" Oratory and Orators	1
" Academical Questions	1
Ovid's Heroides, &c	1
" Fasti, Tristra, &c	1
Thucydides' Works	2
Tragedus of Aeschylus	1
Ond's Metamorphoses	1
Cæsar's Commentations	1
Horace	1
Virgil	1
Latrobe's Travels in Europe	1
American Bastile	1
Wise's Decades	1
	500